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TWICE-CONVICTED FELON PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING FIREARMS

- Radcliff man admits selling stolen guns to undercover detective

LOUISVILLE, KY - Michael E. Humphrey, age 50, of 234 East Spring Street, Radcliff, Kentucky, in Hardin County, pled guilty to possession a firearm that had been transported in interstate commerce after he had been convicted of a felony, David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, and Chris Sadowski, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Columbus Field Division, jointly announced today.

Humphrey admitted that on February 26, 2005, he sold 23 firearms to an undercover Indiana State Police detective. Included among the firearms Humphrey sold on that occasion were a Norinco 7.62 X 39 semiautomatic rifle, serial number 2300170C and a Hi-Point model 995 9mm semiautomatic rifle, serial number A23645. All of the firearms sold on that occasion had previously traveled in interstate commerce, and at least one of the firearms had been reported stolen from a residence in Grayson County, Kentucky. Humphrey also admitted that on April 9, 2005, he sold 6 more firearms to an undercover Indiana State Police detective. All of the firearms sold on that occasion had previously traveled in interstate commerce. Included among the firearms sold by the defendant on that occasion was a Remington 522 Viper .22 caliber semiautomatic rifle, serial number 3164279. Finally, Humphrey admitted that he had

been previously been convicted of the following felony offenses:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>CASE NUMBER</u>	<u>COURT</u>
09/17/1996	flagrant non support	96-CR-0168	Hardin Co.,KY Circuit Court
04/16/2002	flagrant non support	01-CR-0583	Hardin Co.,KY Circuit Court

The maximum potential penalties are 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years on each of the 3 counts of the Indictment.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Thomas W. Dyke from the Western District of Kentucky and Matthew Rinka from the Southern District of Indiana. The Indianapolis Field Office of ATF conducted the investigation in partnership with the Indianapolis Police Department and the Indiana State Police as part of ATF's mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety. Although the Indictment was originally returned by the federal Grand Jury sitting in the Southern District of Indiana at Indianapolis, Humphrey agreed to transfer the case to the United States District Court in the Western District of Kentucky for the entry of his plea of guilty

The plea was entered before Charles R. Simpson, III, Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

Humphrey is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Simpson on November 24, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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